by no means "geer up" with the old society. If the men of this class can be brought into efficient union & action with you the triumph of Antislavery in this state is achieved. Br. Wright is undoubtedly an excellent man for pioneer in the work; but I fear he will come a little too near the Liberator in brandishing his sword, so as to scare away many who might be won by kindness, & christian courtesy. The employment of some agents of a moderate stamp, whom such brethren would feel cordial in welcoming to their pulpits would go far to secure their cooperation.

We have done nothing for the Abolitionist, here waiting for St Clair to come & lecture. I have little doubt that two a three dozen subscribers can be obtained, if he will come according to the understanding when he left & give us four or five lectures. Very near the whole congregation will go to hear him. The impression made here by his other lecture was very good. Is he in Boston or the vicinity? I am very anxious to have him or some one that will make his place good.

Yours truly

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Dr. Brother Phelps — Rev. J. N. Parsons.

I felt a very deep interest in the subject of your last communication & should have gone to New York, but my wife was taken sick at just that time.

[I rejoice to see from the Abolitionist received today that a new organization has been effected. I hope it will be the means of bringing thousands in this state into the Antislavery ranks who have esteemed it (perhaps erroneously) a less evil for slavery to continue than to be abolished, carrying with it the Sabbath, Sanctuary, & other sacred institutions, apailed by Mr. Garrison. I am firmly persuaded that a large proportion of the clergy & evangelical church, which have been stigmatized as proslavery by the Liberator, are of this class, & may, by judicious management, be incorporated with the New Organization & give it vastly greater moral power than ever has been exerted before by Abolitionists in this state.]

Allow me to suggest, whether it will not be well in your agencies, to appoint some of a moderate tone who will secure the confidence & Cooperation of Moderate Ministers & Brs. Here, e.g. are brs Maltby of Taunton, & Fowler of Fall River, who have as much influence, almost, as all the rest of our Asps. & who protest that they are thoro' Antislavery Men; but could